Statement-III

A Statement showing State-wise commitment of food commodities and number of beneficiaries covered under World Food Programme during 2003-04 & 2004-05

Sl. No.	State	No. of Districts	2003-04 Qty. of Food Commodity (MTs)	2004-05 Qty. of Food Commodity (MTs)
1	Madhya Pradesh	5	8402	8402
2	Orissa	6	7644	7644
3	Rajasthan	3	7084	7084
4	Uttaranchal	5	2632	2632
	TOTAL:	19	25762	25762

Mahila Samakhya Programme

861. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in spite of starting Mahila Samakhya Programme in 1989, which aims at providing education and empowerment of women in rural areas, particularly socially and economically marginalized groups, only 14,000 villages have been covered in the country;

(b) if so, the details of villages covered in the country in the last five years, State-wise;

(c) the details of villages covered in Andhra Pradesh since the inception of the scheme in 1989, year-wise; and

(d) how the above programme is infusing the self-confidence in women which is one of the important aim of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) The Mahila Samakhya Programme, which was started as a pilot project in 10 districts of 3 States in 1989, is at present being implemented in

9 States *viz.* Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Uttaranchal and Uttar Pradesh and covers 17932 villages spread over 63 districts.

(b) The details of villages covered in the 9 States over the last 5 years is given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below)

(c) The project was extended to Andhra Pradesh in 1992 and the number of villages covered in that State, year-wise, is as under:

Year	93-94	94-95	95-96	96-97	97-98	98-99	1999-2000	2000-01	01-02	02-03	03-04	04-05	05-06
No. of villages	158	158	252	294	840	853	1152	1182	1182	1196	1223	2383	2383

(d) The National Evaluation of Mahila Samakhya Scheme in 2004 indicates that overall, its women-centered and process oriented approach has made a positive impact on the self-confidence and empowerment of women.

Statement

The details of villages covered under Mahila Samakhya Programme over the last five years

States	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Assam	741	823	1350	1607	1681
Andhra Pradesh	1182	1196	1223	2383	2383
Bihar	2028	2053	2064	2111	2262
Gujarat	1436	1448	1453	1621	1771
Jharkhand	1447	1893	2521	2750	2911
Karnataka	1127	1193	1295	1564	1830
Kerala	245	315	315	463	780
Uttar Pradesh	1815	2025	2525	2905	3085
Uttaranchal	580	630	630	1123	1229